



My Ref: FOI/ 4994
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

I am researching UK-wide school safeguarding referrals, on behalf of the End Violence Against Women coalition.

Please provide me with the following recorded information for each of the last five years:

- 1. The total number of safeguarding referrals made to you, by schools, about their pupils, in the given year.**

Year	Referrals
2024	512
2023	596
2022	495
2021	439
2020	299

- 2. If you hold the information subcategorised (eg: by type of concern, gender of pupil, or referral as perpetrator or victim), the total for each subcategory, in that year. We are especially interested in breakdowns by gender, where available.**

Year	Male	Female
2020	140	159
2021	227	212
2022	275	220
2023	285	311
2024	267	245

3. The total number of school pupils in your area, in that year.

My preference would be for the information to be broken down by the last five full calendar years (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024), but I would be satisfied by financial or academic years (2019–2020, 2020–2021, 2021–2022, 2022–2023, 2023–2024) if that's how you record the information.

In relation to point 3 request census data is captured 3 times a year. We've provided the total number of pupils on role in academic years for each census which is detailed below:

Total number of pupils in Barnsley schools		Termly Census		
		Autumn	Spring	Summer
Academic Year	2019/20	34,118	34,625	No Census
	2020/21	No Census	34,703	35,035
	2021/22	34,727	35,125	35,375
	2022/23	34,834	35,247	35,494
	2023/24	34,867	35,274	35,560

NB: (The 'No Census' are when census wasn't completed due to the Covid pandemic)

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

Barnsley MBC
Information Requests Team
PO Box 634
Barnsley
S70 9GG
email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

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Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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